

REMARKS

Reconsideration of the present application is respectfully requested.

Prior to this Submission, Claims 1-8 were pending in the application.

The Examiner maintained the rejection of Claims 1-8 under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over U.S. Patent No. 6,915,345 to *Tummala et al.* (hereinafter *Tummala*) in view of U.S. Patent No. 6,751,729 to *Giniger et al.* (hereinafter *Giniger*).

Please amend Claims 1 and 2 as set forth herein. Please cancel Claims 4-8 without prejudice. Please add new Claims 19-26. No new matter has been added. Accordingly, Claims 1-3 and 19-26 are currently pending herein.

Regarding this rejection of Claims 1-8, as previously set forth, Claims 4-8 have been cancelled. In addition, it is respectfully asserted that the amended Claims 1-2 are not taught in *Tummala*. Accordingly, withdrawal of the rejection of Claims 1-8 under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) is respectfully requested.

It is further asserted that the recitations found in new Claims 19-26 are not found in the prior art of record. Thus, allowance of these claims is respectfully requested.

Independent Claims 1 and 21 are believed to be in condition for allowance. Additionally, without conceding the patentability per se of dependent Claims 2-3, 19-20 and 22-26, these are likewise believed to be allowable, at least by virtue of their dependence on their respective independent claims.

Accordingly, all of the claims pending in the Application, namely, Claims 1-3 and 19-26, are believed to be in condition for allowance. Should the Examiner believe that a telephone conference or personal interview would facilitate resolution of any remaining matters, the Examiner may contact Applicant's attorney at the number given below.

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